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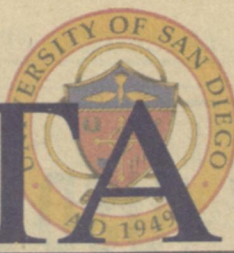
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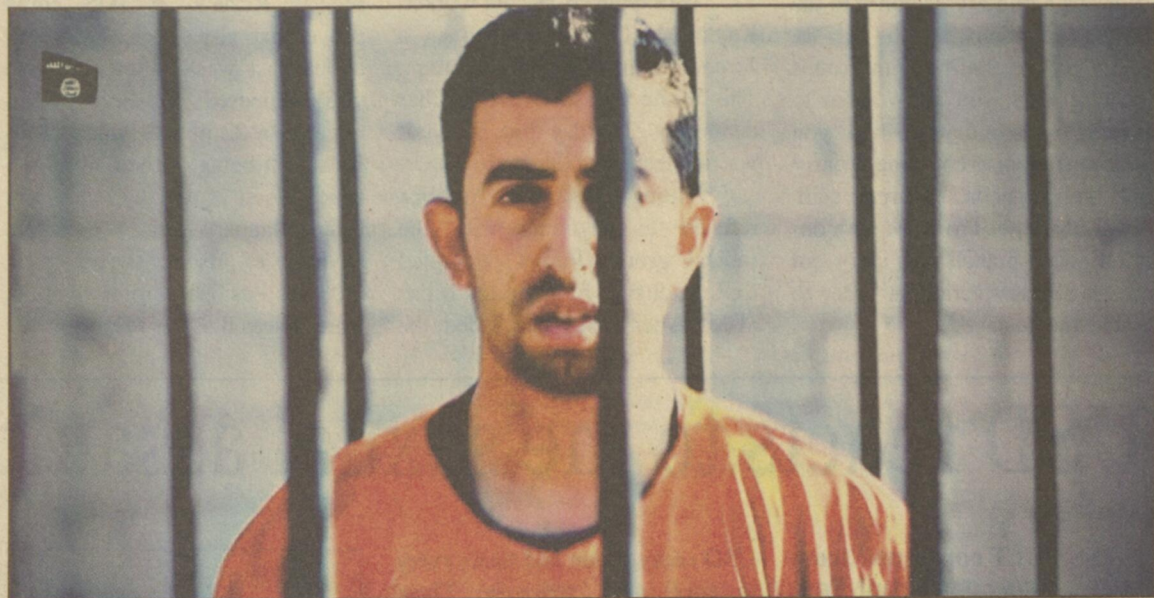
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## ISIS negotiations fail as another hostage is killed

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Moaz al-Kaseasbeh is seen moments before he was burned alive, in a video made by ISIS.

Qaeda and ISIS split in February of 2014. The reason: ISIS was too cruel, even for al-Qaeda.

Since the split, ISIS is suspected of taking in hundreds of hostages. The group has taken a special interest in European and American hostages in hopes of

trading their lives for large sums of cash. In many cases, they have been successful, with the exception of America and Britain which both refused to pay ransoms.

Shawn Bharadwaj, a senior at the University of San Diego, agrees with the American policy

and sees payouts as fueling the fire.

"If we appease a terrorist group today it sets a precedent and may encourage other terrorist groups," Bharadwaj said. "By giving money to ISIS we are in effect sponsoring terrorism."

ISIS has strongholds in both

Syria and Iraq and recruits new members out of the Sunni-Shia conflict. Sunnis make up the body of ISIS and justify their radicalism based on the oppression they feel from the Shia majority in Iraq.

In early Sept. of 2014, President Obama announced his comprehensive strategy for defeating ISIS. The ultimate goal is to destroy the terrorist group without getting involved in a ground war. At this point, the U.S. has authorized airstrikes in any part of Iraq or Syria.

Last fall, ISIS captured two American journalists and used footage of their murders as threats against the U.S. Both videos warned the U.S. to stop airstrikes on Iraq, and both ended in the beheading of the American journalists.

ISIS also captured and beheaded a U.S. aid worker, though expert examination suggests he was most likely killed by gunshot prior to the video for resisting his execution.

Sean Curran, a senior at

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## Sexual assault complaint brings USD under investigation

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The University of San Diego is currently undergoing an investigation due to a sexual assault complaint filed by a USD student. Dr. Lyons, the university president, explained that the student reported that USD did not respond to their report of sexual assault adequately.

In an announcement made to the university, Lyons stated that the sexual assault complaint letter cited a fault within the university's response to the sexual assault report.

"The letter indicates that a USD student filed a complaint alleging that the university failed to provide a prompt and equitable resolution to a sexual assault complaint," Lyons said.

On Jan. 5, 2015, USD received a letter from the United States Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR), indicating that a USD student had filed a complaint alleging that the university failed to provide a prompt and equitable resolution to a sexual assault complaint. As a result, The Office for Civil Rights has opened an investigation into the allegations and USD's compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

The university is unable to



Sarah Brewington/ The Vista

USD's women's center sponsors a sexual assault awareness campaign in response to President Obama's "It's On Us" initiative.

comment further on the details of the investigation. However, USD students have expressed their concern over the school's handling of sexual assault cases, and many lack knowledge of the resources the school has to offer in the event that an assault does occur.

Sophomore Mary Turner hopes that the complaint will include a thorough investigation from the university regarding this issue.

"Sexual assault is a serious

issue, not only on the national level, but in the college community as well," Turner said. "One in five women will be sexually assaulted during their college career and one in 16 men will be sexually assaulted. My hope is that USD will examine this complaint, as well as any other sexual assault complaints, with the proper attention, and that this case will be properly investigated on both

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## Race for USD presidency draws to a close with one candidate left

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The Manchester Auditorium brimmed past full capacity on Friday, Feb. 6, as faculty and students witnessed the last candidate in the University of San Diego's Presidential race. After many months of deliberation, the search committee had narrowed it down to a few candidates, and now, Dr. James Harris is the last one standing.

Harris, the current President of Widener University, gave an opening statement, opened the floor for questions, and then concluded with a closing statement. Students and faculty asked Harris questions ranging from diversity to classroom space. The forum's chief goal was for the university community to see the last candidate, and decide if he felt like the right fit. Although no decision has been made yet, this forum provided the USD community with a voice in the presidential search process.

Harris, originally from Ohio, was raised as a Lutheran and later converted to Roman Catholicism. Focusing on diversity, Harris explains that his background has

contributed to his commitment to inclusion and diversity. Growing up in a community with a large immigrant population, playing on integrated athletic teams, and having cousins who identify as gay and lesbian have influenced Harris to strive for inclusivity in the administrative positions he has held.

Inclusivity in all forms seemed to be at the forefront of students' minds as questions were raised surrounding community topics.

One USD senior, Aaron Rivera-Dominguez, questioned Harris about his plans for future relations between students and faculty.

"I am interested in the relationship between the administration and the students," Rivera-Dominguez said. "At the end of last semester there was, what I consider to be a low point in that relationship, because it was the moment when the most students I've ever seen mobilize around a social justice issue, and that was the deaths of Michael Brown, Eric Garner and Tamir Rice, with protests on campus and the administration was no where to be seen. Students and faculty came

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## Moving forward



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Five young girls descend the stairs of their local church. Trailing her hand on the stair rail, one girl feels the polish protecting her young hands from the splinters of the wood. The girls talk about their hair and their clothes and other typical adolescent conversations. As they converse, one girl stops to focus the attention of her friends.

A second later, four of the five girls are dead. The church wall was blown in by a bomb that killed four of the girls, leaving the other girl permanently blind.

This was one of the opening scenes of *Selma*, a movie that has been in the news due to the fact that it has not received many Oscar nominations.

Although David Oyelowo, may not have 100 percent sold me on his performance as Martin Luther King Jr., *Selma* is overall an educational movie, that brings up civil rights issues that are still prevalent today. It depicts the discomfort that many people have with the conversation about civil rights. We so desperately want to be past this chapter in our society that sometimes we pretend that we are.

*Selma* focused on the right to vote of black people in the South, and how, although it was already legal, the process to register was impractical. Oprah Winfrey's character has to name all 67 state justices if she wants to register to vote. She could not name them and was denied. We have come a long way from trying to get fair voting rights for minorities, but aggression toward them is still relevant.

The tear gas that polluted the streets of *Selma* has also polluted the streets of Ferguson. We may not march behind one person at the front of this movement, but at least we are talking about it.

February is Black History Month, and, although it is good to learn about the past surrounding black issues, it seems even more relevant to learn about the present.

It seems as if a bubble has popped. A bubble that used to keep all the problems of society neatly stored for another time. But each month there seems to be a different social justice issue on the front of the papers. I think historians will look back at this period in our time as iconic and name it after the movement for equality.

Let's continue the conversation of diversity, as it and other social justice issues have been at the forefront of the news lately. Look for an article about diversity in the following weeks.

I do not want to be apathetic during such an important time in our history.

# USD contemplates the effectiveness of ISIS swaps

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USD, does not want to put American troops at risk, but supports a military response to the hostage situations.

"By negotiating with groups such as ISIS, you allow them to leverage the situation and you empower them to continue to carry out their agenda," Curran said. "Instead we need to work with our intelligence branch and carry out covert military action in order to rescue the hostage."

More recently, ISIS has taken hostage a Japanese journalist, a Jordanian pilot, and another American aid worker. All three of them were ransomed and killed.

ISIS claimed the aid worker, Kayla Mueller, was killed in a Jordanian airstrike against Jordan. The White House confirmed her death this Tuesday but added it was unclear what the cause was.

Though Japan and America refused to negotiate with the radical group, Jordan attempted to. In exchange for the pilot, Moaz al-Kasasbeh, ISIS demanded the

release of Sajida al-Rishawi, a failed female suicide bomber in the al-Qaeda bombings of three hotels in Jordan that killed 60 people.

Jordan was prepared to release Rishawi if ISIS could prove that al-Kasasbeh was still alive. Last week, after the swap was supposed to occur, ISIS released a 22 minute video of al-Kasasbeh being burned alive in a cage. Worst of all, the video was filmed January 3rd, well before any talks of prisoner swaps.

As tensions continue to build, Curran sees it as the responsibility

of the U.S. to get involved and stop the ISIS before they garner more support.

"I think the only way to stop these Islamic extremists is to bring swift military action and partner with our allies to protect the human rights of religious minorities in the Middle East and to protect our great nation," Curran said.

Though there is still division on how to confront ISIS, students are united in belief that the group must be stopped before they can commit any further crimes against humanity.

# USD reacts to the sexual assault complaint

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ends."

The OCR is also investigating over 90 other schools, including other southern California universities such as University of Southern California, University of California, Berkeley, and Occidental College.

In 2013, Dr. Lyons brought together a committee of faculty, students and administrators to strengthen the university's sexual assault prevention policies, educational programs, and response services. According to Lyons, USD updated its policy prohibiting discrimination and harassment and updated its standards and protocols about reporting and responding to sexual misconduct and relationship violence.

"Sexual violence in any form violates the law, our policies, our mission, and our core values," Lyons said. "It's on each one of us to remain committed to promoting a safe environment for our campus community—one that is dedicated to the highest standards of integrity and respect for every human being."

USD also initiated a campuswide video-based sexual violence prevention and education program last fall and launched a new website, [www.sandiego.edu/care](http://www.sandiego.edu/care), dedicated to providing information about support and resources for victims of sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, stalking, and sexual exploitation.

Campus Assault Resources and Education, or C.A.R.E., is USD's primary effort to provide support, resources and education to the student community pertaining to sexual assault, relationship violence and stalking. It incorporates prevention education programs as well as response services.

According to Erin Lovette-Colyer, C.A.R.E. advocate and Director of the Women's Center, advocates can help students impacted by sexual or relationship violence.

Lovette-Colyer explains that once a complaint is filed,

USD seeks action and treats every instance very seriously. There are various options students can choose from when reporting an assault.

"USD strives to respond to all reports in a manner that treats each individual with dignity and respect and will take prompt responsive action to end any misconduct, prevent its recurrence, and address its effects," Lovette-Colyer said. "[Students] go directly to the Title IX Coordinator, a C.A.R.E. Advocate, or Public Safety. "When a student files a report, the victim-survivor chooses how much to disclose and USD is committed to supporting the rights of the student reporting to make an informed choice among options and services available."

According to Lovette-Colyer, once a report is submitted, a small group of people come together to discuss the next steps in how to offer resources and support. Those who come together include, the Title IX Coordinator, a representative from Public Safety, and a representative from the Counseling Center, Dean of Students, and the CARE Advocate. The student is then contacted by the Title IX Coordinator who will further clarify policies, procedures, and protocols and review resources available once again.

Antionette Marbray, Director of Title IX and Equal Opportunity Programs, is responsible for ensuring procedures are met in dealing with and preventing sexual harassment and violence at USD. Marbray explains how the university has an utmost priority in providing support to students who come forward with complaints and assaults and seeking accountability through a prompt and fair process.

"The University takes this complaint and all reports of sexual assault very seriously, and we are fully cooperating with the Office for Civil Rights in its investigation" Marbray said. "While we are unable to comment on the details of the specific allegation that generated this investigation by the OCR, the University is cooperating with the OCR and is in the process of providing the information that the OCR has requested as part of its review."

Marbray stated that, while it

## How to file a sexual assault discrimination complaint

**Step 1: Go to U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR)**

**Step 2: Under the related topics tab, click "How to file a complaint"**

**Step 3: For mail, email or fax, submit your letter with the following:**

- Your name, address and number
- Information about the parties involved
- Name and location of institution that you are reporting
- The details surrounding the event and the reason for the complaint

**Step 4: For online, fill out OCR's electronic complaint form**

**Note: Complaint must be filed within 180 days of alleged discrimination**

Gianna Caravetta and Sarah Brewington/ The Vista

is uncertain how long this process will take, she anticipates it will likely be a number of months.

The conversation regarding sexual assault prevention extends beyond the walls of universities.

In 2014, the White House launched a new awareness campaign related to sexual assault education and prevention, entitled "It's On Us," designed to strengthen federal enforcement efforts and provide universities with additional tools to help combat sexual violence on college campuses across the country.

USD has participated in this campaign to end sexual violence once and for all. Last Thursday the women's center created a community video demonstrating how this topic affects everyone, from those who know someone that has been a victim of it to those who are committed to ending the campaign.

According to Marbray, USD has had protocols and programs aimed at the prevention and response to sexual violence.

"In 2013, we convened a steering committee consisting of faculty, student and administrative representatives to enhance our own sexual assault prevention policies, educational programs and response services," Marbray said. "Sexual violence in any form violates the law, our policies, our mission, and our core values. The University is committed to promoting a safe environment for our campus community—one that is dedicated to the highest standards of integrity and respect for every human being."

The primary goal of the university's response in any case of sexual assault is to support the complainant and to provide an objective, fair and timely response to all parties involved.



# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

## INTOXICATION

Jan. 27 Location: Camino Hall

At approximately 01:30 a.m., the Department of Public Safety responded to a report of an intoxicated individual. Upon investigation, the individual was contacted, identified as a resident student, and evaluated. It was determined that the individual could not care for themselves and was voluntarily transported to Detox.



Jan. 29 Location: Missions Cafe

At approximately 1:49 a.m., the Department of Public Safety responded to a report of two intoxicated individuals. Upon investigation, the individuals were contacted and one was identified as a resident student and the other was a commuter student, and evaluated. It was determined that the individuals could not care for themselves and were voluntarily transported to Detox.



## VEHICLE INCIDENTS

Jan. 30 Location: Missions B Parking Lot

Shortly after 10 p.m., the Department of Public Safety responded to a report of someone who had written offensive remarks on an unattended parked vehicle in Missions B parking lot. After documenting the evidence, the Department of Public Safety removed the remarks on the vehicle and the registered owner was contacted.



Feb. 2 Location: Warren Hall School of Law Parking Lot

At approximately 6:33 p.m., The Department of Public Safety responded to a report of a vehicle that was damaged while parked in the Warren Hall School of Law parking lot. Upon investigation, the vehicle had a minor dent to the lower side rear door. The damage was said to have occurred between 08:15 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Feb 2. Location: Laguna Hall

At approximately 1:33 p.m., the Department of Public Safety responded to a report of a theft of a bicycle from the Alcala Vista southwest bike rack. Upon investigation, the bike was reported to have been locked to a bike rack with a cable lock at approximately 6:00 p.m., on Dec. 20, 2014, and was discovered missing at 8:00 p.m., on Jan. 26, 2015. The bicycle was a silver and black Triax PK7 mountain bike and was valued at \$20.00.

Feb 4. Location: Missions Parking Structure

At approximately 10:14 a.m., The Department of Public Safety responded to a report of a vehicle that was damaged while parked on the top level of the Missions parking structure. Upon investigation, the vehicle had a large scratch on the left rear bumper.



Nora Brewington/ The Vista

# Presidential forum brings James Harris to USD

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together to discuss these things and there was no representation."

Rivera-Dominguez asked Harris what he would do surrounding future issues, and specifically how much he would advise the faculty to react in events like Ferguson.

Harris explained that the administration should enter into the dialogue, however the administration should not enter into the protests.

Harris consistently cited his accomplishments from Widener University ranging from service initiatives to increasing their overall reputation.

In a profile on Harris written by Widener University, President Harris is known to be dedicated in his connection with students.

"He frequently works alongside students, and in his career, has participated in twenty-five week-long service trips both internationally and domestically. Once a year he trades places with a

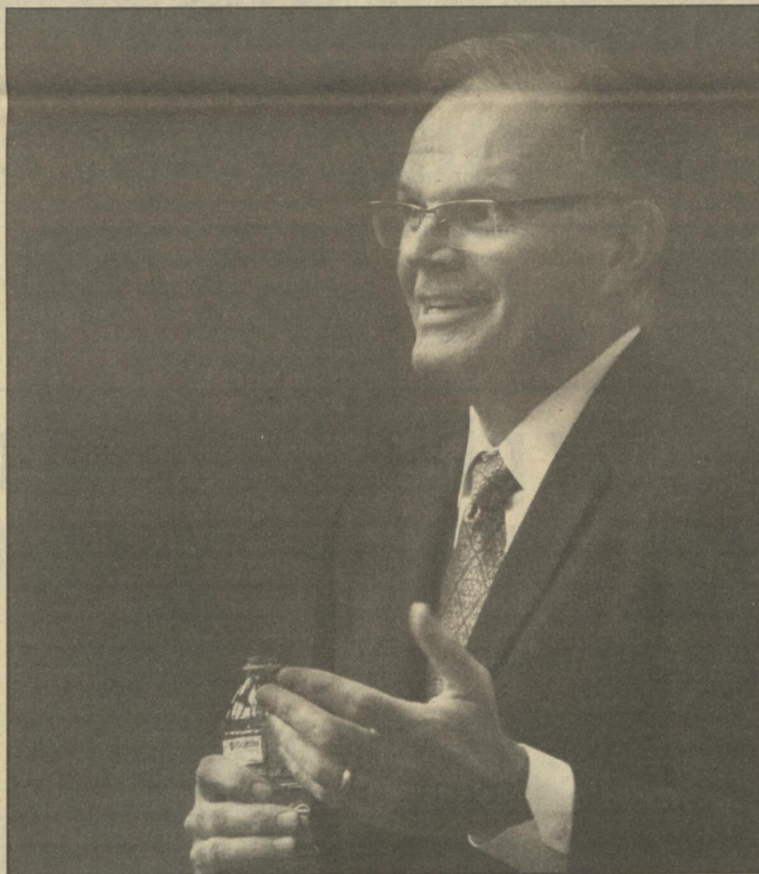


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James T. Harris answers questions at the presidential forum.

student who becomes president for a day while Dr. Harris fulfills the student's campus responsibilities, including attending classes."

After about an hour of

answering questions surrounding sustainability, administrative structure, diversity, expanding departments, and his stance on social justice, Harris answered

each question with a careful charisma, which seemed to win over the audience.

Sophomore Charlotte Vitak expressed her gratification with Harris' answers.

"That in my one in a half years here so far, that the students have been the life and soul of the campus for me and your commitment to communication and dedication to listening to us, and hearing what we have to say I think will make your experience and our experience collectively the best it can be," Vitak said.

Vitak, who is vice president of the Changemaker student committee, explained that her role at USD allowed her to better appreciate the value of his words.

"And remembering that as a student leader myself and a lot of other student leaders I see here sitting in the room, are the most valuable things we have to offer as a campus," Vitak said. "And I just want to appreciate everything that you just said and I hope that you bring that to USD as well."

Vitak concluded her remarks by speaking the thoughts of the whole room.

"Thank you, I just hope that,

I think I can speak to everyone here that, I hope this isn't the last time we speak," Vitak said.

Harris jokingly told Vitak her check was waiting outside the door, arousing laughter from the room.

As the forum drew to a close, Harris finished his time with a closing statement.

"I would say that you have a wonderful University, and there are remarkable people here who couldn't have been kinder to Mary [his wife] and me during our visits, and I think that this University, whether or not I am the president or someone else, has a great future, and I wish you all the best and my prayers for success," Harris said. "I have fallen in love with the University of San Diego and I know that there are serious issues to face here, and it is a part of American higher education and all institutions face it, and I think you have many assets and [USD] has a great future."

Harris concluded his remarks as well as the forum with one last thank you.

"I will try my very best if you select me and it would be a tremendous honor and thanks."

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### Charity for military families in need



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There is a new charity that will be aiding military families that are in need and helping them to reconstruct their homes.

This, in my opinion, is one of the greatest creations this year. The fact that there is a charity to help those that have served our country live a better life is amazing. Veterans of any branch of the military deserve this and so much more.

The charity, Operation: Renovation, is from San Marcos and was created by REIG, which stands for: "Revitalizing communities, [conducting] every aspect of our business through Elevating Expectations, putting Integrity first, and showing Gratitude always."

REIG partnered with Wounded Warrior Homes and other sponsors to help get their charity off the ground.

Sophomore Brendan Sullivan identifies with this type of military aid because his father is retiring from the Navy this year, and his attendance at University of San Diego is partially due to military benefits.

"A good part of my tuition is paid for by the 9/11 veteran's benefits program," Sullivan said. "I have a lot of respect for military personnel. Any family that has sacrificed, and given a part of their life to the service deserves full respect from their fellow citizens. The sacrifice to be in the military goes beyond the surface. It affects not only the person, but the family as well."

According to REIG, Operation: Renovation is intended to celebrate, honor, and change the life of one local military family in need through passionate and purposed home renovation.

To do this, REIG formed a selection committee made up of active-duty and former Navy and Marine Corps personnel and executives from Wounded Warrior Homes to select candidates from the 58 applications they received.

Barry and Cheryl Barton were the chosen candidates, and I think they were perfect because REIG went above expectations and went over their original budget to make the Barton's home safe for their child. I think that REIG selecting this family shows that they really care.

Not only did REIG recreate the Barton's home, they made it more accessible for all the equipment that needs to be moved around the house due to their son, Christopher's, special needs.

The Barton's son has congenital cytomegalovirus, and the disease has left him blind and deaf.

Although REIG's Operation: Renovation has only done one renovation so far, it is hoped that they will do more in the following years. I know that I look forward to seeing what else they accomplish and how many other families they help.

## Amazon trying to fight FAA regulations

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Amazon is working on a project that will let consumers receive their deliveries in under a day.

No more waiting for the package to arrive at your door. With Amazon Prime Air, a drone will carry your package to you in record time.

Sophomore, Casey Orr, is extremely supportive of this innovative technology.

"I think it is really cool," Orr said. "There is no reason for so many regulations. Technology is always advancing, so it is not like this should be a surprise."

However, this bright future might never come to light.

At a conference with Business Insider, Amazon's CEO Jeff Bezos stated that the only thing holding back the realization of the Amazon Prime Air project were regulations.

Amazon is fighting with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to get approval to test the drones outside to make sure that they work.

The FAA has imposed rules that have put a damper on plans for now.

They have proposed that drone pilots must be certified to man aircrafts, the drones operate only during the day, and that the drones operate below 400 feet and in view of the operator at all times.

Another roadblock in the path to drone carriers is the public.

A New York Times poll found that only 21 percent of people favored commercial use of drones, while 43 percent opposed them altogether, and 35 percent were neutral.

Along with these results, the poll showed that only one in four people thought that using drones to deliver packages was a good idea.



Photograph courtesy of www.forbes.com

Amazon drones have the ability to deliver packages in one day but are now facing strict FAA restrictions.

This lack of support may be supported by the fact that the introduction of these drones escalates an ongoing debate about the safety of commercial drones and privacy concerns, as stated by Time Magazine.

However, Amazon's idea is no longer unique to them.

Other companies are investing in this technology, and one of the frontrunners is Google.

American companies are not the only ones to try their hands at these advancements either.

In China, where regulations are a little less strict, a company called Alibaba

beat Amazon to the punch.

One of Alibaba's companies, Taobao Marketplace has conducted a 3-day test run to deliver tea to its customers.

It is expected that this company will use drones for commercial use very soon, while Amazon struggles behind.

## Obama's new plan for data collection

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The policy on data collection and privacy laws may be changing shortly. In response to Anthem, one of the nation's largest health insurers, being hacked, the Obama administration has decided to try to bolster privacy laws.

Although this new push is in response to the hacking of a large company, they will not be the only ones affected by any new bills or laws.

Sophomore Andrea Mast had a positive reaction to this news.

"I feel like this should have been addressed a while ago," Mast said. "But it is good that Obama is doing it now. Better late than never."

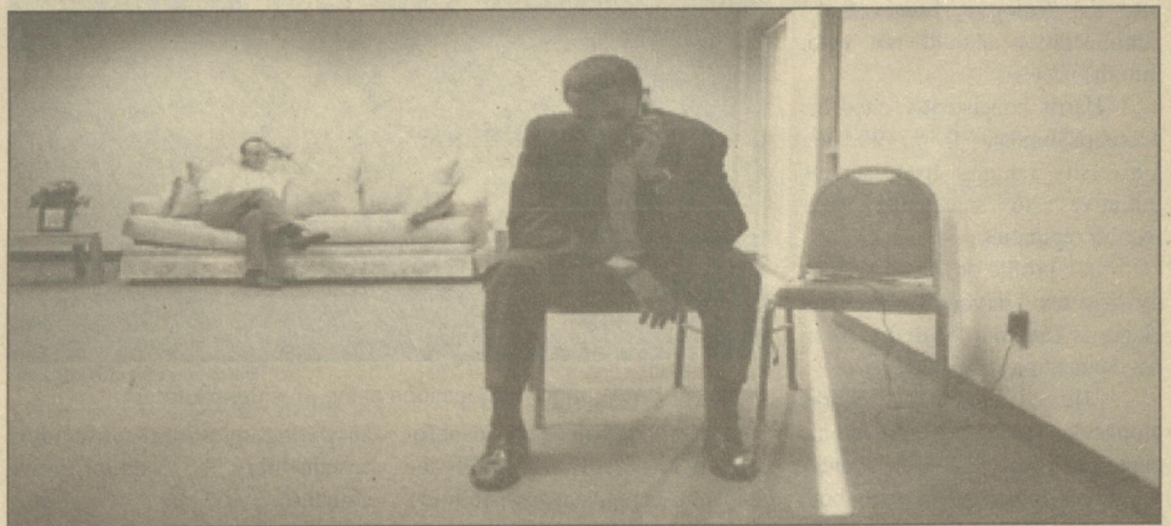
Mast also feels that this will have no problem gaining bipartisan support.

"People value their privacy enough to make this work," Mast said.

Along with protection from further hacking, the Obama administration has decided to crack down on discriminatory pricing and protect data collected through educational apps.

Obama's top advisors have allied with the Republican Party for a bill to protect the data collected from educational apps.

The Obama administration is



Photograph courtesy of www.forbes.com

President Barack Obama is pushing for better privacy laws using his new plan for data collection.

also redoubling efforts to push for broader measures to safeguard consumer privacy.

Along with these measures

*"I feel like this should have been addressed a while ago. But it is good that Obama is doing it now. Better late than never."*

-Andrea Mast

are others that have yet to receive full bipartisan support, including: a bill to give Americans more control over how their information is collected and used, and a measure to require that consumers be notified within 30 days of a breach that compromises their data.

Differential pricing is another problem that they are working on minimizing.

A report on differential

pricing said that the rise of data analysis and of companies collecting vast amounts of personal data on customers increases the risk that certain characteristics, like sex, race, and religion, could drive how prices are set.

The Council of Economic

Advisers said they would scrutinize companies' use of personal data to charge different consumers different prices.

According to the New York Times, Obama is seeking \$14 billion to support his cyber security efforts across the United States government. He plans on putting this funding toward anti-hacking efforts.

The plan to prevent hacking and compromised data is to introduce more intrusion detection and prevention capabilities, a greater sharing of data with private sectors and other countries, and funding to strengthen the government's ability to respond to attacks.



# United States opens border to Mexican long-haul truckers

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Jan. 9, 2014 marked a monumental decision made by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) that has been debated for over 20 years. According to a report in San Diego Union-Tribune, the U.S. border is preparing to open to Mexican long-haul truckers as long as they have a permit.

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) between the U.S. and Mexico in 1994 originally stipulated that

this kind of economic integration was its goal, so this move is receiving much praise from supporters in both commercial industries and in the DOT.

This decision means an end result of removing more than \$2 billion in annual retaliatory tariffs on U.S. products. The permanent program that is being established by the DOT has been in the works for three years.

A pilot program was tested by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and provided data from 15 Mexican companies that made over 28,000 crossings according to San Diego Union-

Tribune. The trucks went through over 5,500 safety inspections and traveled more than 1.5 million miles.

Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx submitted a statement to congress saying that the safety level is more than satisfactory.

"Data from the three year pilot program...proved that Mexican carriers demonstrate a level of safety at least as high as their American and Canadian counterparts," Foxx said.

However, a report released from the U.S. DOT's Inspector General said the pilot program

lacked samples that would accurately represent the amount of Mexico-domiciled carriers likely to participate in border operations.

Non-supporters argue that the new position not only threatens jobs but also safety in the U.S. A junior at the University of San Diego, Eric Krauss, doesn't like where this deal is headed.

"I'm actually against this decision," Krauss said. "I feel like this will help the cartels more and make it easier for them to enter into the U.S."

Other students at USD hold a different position on this controversial issue. Chula Vista native and sophomore Regina Gutierrez, believes this decision is the right move to improving relations between the U.S. and Mexico.

"I think this is the right step because there is a lot of mistrust between the two countries," Gutierrez said. "I'm from Chula Vista and can identify with both cultures and understand where both countries are coming from. I do think there are further steps that can be taken to improve border relations, however, we have to start small by building trust between them in allowing small changes like this one."

According to the vice president of security and operations at the American Trucking Association, the border traffic has been extremely congested in the past.

There is a long wait to cross, and, because of this, long-haul trucking companies are reluctant

to send products in late-model trucks just to have them wait in border control lines for hours.

Mexico had placed more than \$2 billion in retaliatory tariffs in 2009 when U.S. Congress halted a demonstration project using its powers of appropriation. An article in Transport Topics by Michele Fuetsch states that the conflicting reports and arguments over the validity of these reports is likely to again attract the attention of Congress.

With a precedent set of not allowing Mexican trucks to run beyond designated commercial zones at the border, it seems again unlikely that it will budge this time around based on the data from the pilot program safety checks.

Although many are concerned with safety because of the violent and crime-ridden past of the Mexican border, students like freshman Jordan Rodriguez argue the key is increasing business, efficiency and education.

"I believe that increased business between the two countries could help strengthen the relations," Rodriguez said. "If quickening this process will allow for made trades and transactions then yes, I believe this is a step in the right direction. A better way to make checkpoints and border relations more efficient is less racial profiling on the American side of the border. We can strive to educate our youth more on the socioeconomic problems occurring in Mexico in order to diminish ignorance on the issue."



The United States DOT has opened the border to Mexican long-haul trucks.

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## Business Spotlight: Sunny Jim's Sea Cave

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Sunny Jim's Sea Cave is a unique shop located in La Jolla. It offers access to a cave via a man-made tunnel from within the store.

Although there may be access from the beach to other caves, this is unique in that it is the only cave that you can access from land.

Sunny Jim's Sea Cave website says, "The tunnel took two years to dig by two Chinese laborers hired by Gustav Shultz in 1902 and 1903 using pick and shovel. Several years after its completion, 145 steps were built into the lighted tunnel."

The Hidden San Diego website offers more explanation for the store and the unique qualities it has. The tunnel was once used to smuggle Chinese immigrants, and whiskey during the Prohibition.

The store is also an extremely popular sight for out of town visitors because of its spectacular views.

Its unique location causes its hours of operation to change based on daylight and changes in the seasons.

The store also offers daily bike and kayak tours daily that require reservations. The cost to travel through the caves is \$5 for adults or \$3 for people under the age of sixteen.

This local hotspot is a great place for USD students to visit on the weekend with friends or even by themselves.



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Sunny Jim's Sea Cave offers unique access to one of La Jolla

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Barefoot people  
listen up

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I have nothing against people who don't wear shoes. In fact, I admire them for being so comfortable going out into the world barefoot, free from sweaty feet and social norms. But I like shoes. Call me crazy, but I really do believe that shoes have a direct, and necessary, purpose, and I personally would prefer if everyone honored those purposes and kept their shoes on. At least when going to class.

When asking some barefoot friends on campus why they chose the shoeless lifestyle, most just say that they hate wearing shoes. My question to them is: what did shoes ever do to you? They protect you from hot pavement, sharp rocks, and the fear of grossing everyone out with smelly feet. So why the hatred?

I understand that blisters and the occasional sock tan line can be a real bummer, but I just don't see the few negatives outweighing the benefits. First off, shoes are cute. They can really make an outfit complete. Also, I personally would not enjoy scampering across campus trying not to singe off the bottom of my feet when the sun gets hot, or walking at night with numb toes when my toes could be nestled into some warm cozy boots.

Or especially, sitting in class feeling self-conscious that I'm stinking up the entire classroom with the always-identifiable sweaty feet odor that, I'm sorry to say, these shoe-abandoners often provide.

Maybe the reason I'm not one of the brave barefoot is because I worry about these things and they don't. You must be pretty free-spirited to pull off the shoeless trend, so it's possible they just don't care about burning pavement or feet smell. Perhaps it just comes with the lifestyle, a natural accompaniment to a life of freedom that only a few get to experience. I envy them for that, I really do, but it's just not enough to get me on board with this new trend.

So instead, I'll offer some alternatives. Perhaps embrace the Vibram Fivefingers shoes that can hardly be considered shoes, as they are essentially just gloves for your feet. Or if you forgo shoes because of the leather, try vegan Birkenstocks, an eco and animal-friendly solution. If it's about getting that barefoot feel, there's always Teyas. At the very least, rock some slippers to class. Whatever you do, just keep your dear classmates' noses in mind and try to remember that shoes were invented for a reason.

## The struggle for school spirit continues

Despite strong efforts of the Bullpit, USD spirit is still low

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When you are a student living in San Diego, it is hard to resist spending your days soaking up the sun, tanning at the pool with friends, or listening to your favorite music on the beach. During spring semester, the typical Saturday afternoon for most students may consist of tanning in the sand while reading a book or enjoying some chips and guacamole at a friend's beach house.

However, for other students, some Saturday afternoons might consist of sitting in the blue stadium seats of the JCP cheering on the Torero sports teams.

There is much talk around campus about how "sucky" USD's school spirit is when it comes to athletic events and game participation.

The majority of students who use the excuse to not attend games because "no one goes anyway" is just another contribution to our problem of weak school spirit.

However, the dedicated fans who regularly attend games have noticed an improvement in the student body's participation,

partly a result of the newly revamped Bullpit. Sophomore Austin Jacobs, the leader of USD's Bullpit, recognizes the increased participation from fellow Toreros.

"This past semester we broke the record for attendance during the men's soccer game versus UCLA," Jacobs said.

For the basketball season, tickets have increased exponentially this year compared to the previous year.

"Last year, a typical Thursday night basketball game consisted of about 50 students in attendance," Jacobs said. "At this year's game versus Santa Clara, there were 500 students, a ten fold from last season."

As the leader of the Bullpit, Jacobs has provided several opportunities for school spirit to increase through weekly email reminders to the USD community about game times, advertising free Bullpit shirts to the first 100 students in attendance, and allowing fans a chance to attend the WCC Basketball Tournament in Las Vegas. Greek Bullpit shirts have also been provided for all chapters on campus to wear on game days.

There are so many opportunities and incentives



Kevin Nelson/ The Vista

A rare showing of USD school spirit during Torero football's home opener last fall.

for students to attend and enjoy Torero games, yet still no sold-out house when it comes to big athletic games. So why is there still no appearance from the majority of the student body, especially when they can receive a free shirt?

Junior Jito Kok, a basketball player at USD, thinks this has everything to do with USD's location.

"We live in San Diego," Kok said. "The schools that have the best fan attendances are located in places where people really do not want to live and have nothing exciting to do outside of campus."

So this is the answer to the million-dollar question as to why USD's school spirit is not as exciting as other universities — we live in sunny San Diego. What

better way to spend your Saturday afternoon than with your toes in the sand and not on top of the stadium seat below you?

It is unfortunate how USD's pristine location affects the involvement at athletic events on campus; however, I guess that is just the way of the world.

The Bullpit has done a pretty successful job of promoting athletic events and encouraging school spirit on campus this year compared to previous years, but given the permanence of USD's location, there might always be an internal struggle for students between choosing to be a loyal fan and support the home team or enjoying a delicious Baked Bear sandwich while watching the sunset dip into the horizon.

For us sun-craved San Diegans, it may just be the latter.

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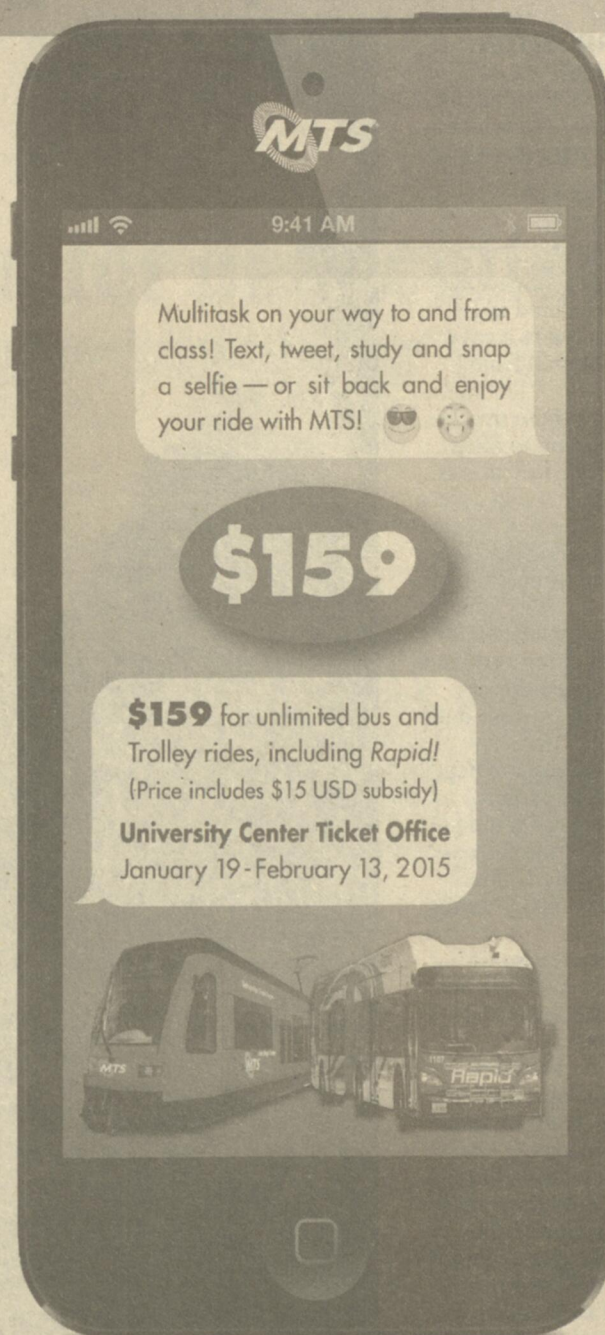
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# Conflict over sophomore housing

*New second year housing policy has students questioning USD's motives*

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The University of San Diego has changed its policy on the living requirements for sophomores. Previously, students were only required to live on campus their freshman year, but the administration has announced that students are now required to live on campus sophomore year as well, starting with the class of 2018, this year's current freshmen.

This immediately sparked debate among the students of USD, as they question why this change was implemented. As a student, it seems that the most obvious reason this policy has changed is the financial aspect behind it.

After the Carmel Pacific Ridge Apartments opened up directly across the street in August 2012, the on-campus housing at USD immediately gained serious competition for residents. The Carmel apartments offer a wide array of incentives for students that the traditional sophomore apartments on campus, the Vistas, cannot boast as well. This includes two pools with barbecues, free parking, a state-of-the-art gym, private laundry appliances, more spacious units, air conditioning, and, perhaps most importantly, no resident assistants to discipline students.

The Vista Apartments were previously seen as the most desirable option for sophomores, but with the new apartments across the street, the Vistas have lost a lot of customers. What really makes the Carmel apartments more ideal for students is that even with all the extra amenities and perks, the cost of living there still works out to be equal to that of the Vistas, if not less.

For a sophomore living in a double room in the Vista apartments, or any of the on-campus apartments, the current rate is \$4,305 per semester. This rate goes up to \$5,400 if you want your own bedroom. Then, tack on another \$145 per semester for a parking pass if you have a car. Living on campus also means that you are required to purchase a meal plan, which range from \$1,238-\$2,201 a semester. Totalling this all up, the typical student will spend about \$5,688 per semester, even with the cheapest of all options. It is important to note, however, that students living in the Vistas do not have to pay for gas, water, electric, and cable.

The Carmel apartments operate based on supply and demand, so an individual's rent will depend upon the demand at the moment of purchase. The rates typically range from \$650-\$850 per month for a student



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The Borrego Vista located in the Alcala Vista Apartments on USD's campus, one of four Vistas sophomores will choose to live in after being required to live on campus their second year.

sharing a bedroom with one other person in an apartment of four people, just like the Vistas.

This equals to \$3,400 per semester at the very most for a Carmel resident with three roommates. Because it is off campus, meal plans and parking permits are not required, however residents are responsible for paying gas, water, electric, and trash bills. These rates depend on the usage, but for the average resident, they total about \$500 for a semester. Given all this, it is still much cheaper than the on-campus alternatives.

Junior Mandy Smith lives off campus in a beachfront home at Mission Beach, but still pays less money than she would if she was on campus.

"I pay \$700 a month with four roommates to live in a very nice four-bedroom home, which is significantly less expensive than what I would be paying to live on campus with a required meal plan," Smith said.

With all this in mind, it is pretty obvious as to where sophomores have been taking their money since the Carmel apartments' opening and, therefore, why USD has changed its policy on living requirements.

As more and more students turn away from on-campus options, the university loses revenue in other areas as well, such as dining plans and group exercise class registration fees. USD's administration has released statements citing different reasons behind their decision-making.

Dr. Donald Godwin, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students, was a part of this decision-making process. Godwin claims that the new requirement is an effort of the Student Affairs and Academic Affairs departments to address a national issue called the sophomore slump.

The sophomore slump refers to the tendency of sophomore year to be somewhat less fulfilling or exciting than freshman year,

due in part to not living in dorms anymore, and, therefore, losing the sense of community freshman year provides. The Living Learning Communities, introduced five years ago, and now a requirement for freshmen, are considered to provide a major part of that community feel as well.

It makes sense that moving away from both the dorms and the LLC's can cause a slump amongst students sophomore year. However, citing this phenomenon as the sole reason for this change of requirement seems to be somewhat of a misrepresentation.

Given USD's smaller size and few options for housing, students are generally part of a community whether they try to or not. Whether a student lives in the on-campus apartments, the Carmel apartments across the street, or even at popular Mission Beach, that student is bound to have a relatively large community of USD students wherever they go.

Sophomores know this, and decide where to live accordingly, selecting not only their living location but also their community.

When comparing USD to similar universities like Chapman, Loyola Marymount, and Santa Clara, only Chapman has the same living requirement for sophomores. For the other two universities, living on campus sophomore year is encouraged but not required.

Freshman Lorri Hughes, who has friends at Chapman, still feels that USD students get the shorter end of the stick.

"Chapman has awesome housing, I wouldn't mind living there for two years," Hughes said. "But USD second housing isn't as good as it is there."

To say that sophomores need to be forced into living together for their own benefit is an easy excuse to get more students paying the excessive fees that follow. Not only are the housing rates overpriced, but so are the meal plans, parking passes, and fitness classes that are inevitable

factors of living on campus as well. To force incoming freshmen to commit to these future hidden expenses, before they know they exist, is unfair and bound to receive backlash later.

As expected, the general consensus among this year's freshmen class is negative. Freshman Armand Binombe is already itching to get off campus.

"Just the possibility of living off-campus is appealing," Binombe said.

Current sophomore Elley Berg voices her disapproval of the new requirement as well.

"Though I chose to live on campus in the Vistas, I'm still grateful that I had the possibility of moving off campus," Berg said. "While I can respect and understand the decision, adding restrictions to housing options works against opportunities to explore their independence."

Not everybody is upset about this change of policy, however. Sophomore Wade Bennett, currently a resident assistant for freshman, thinks this will actually benefit students greatly.

"Honestly I think it's a positive thing to keep community and friendship and keep the class together another year," Bennett said. "As a RA, I think once people move in and feel everything out they'll realize it's definitely a positive experience."

Freshman Alec Palmer has a positive outlook on the requirement as well.

"I'm already looking forward to it," Palmer said. "Living in California alone is a dream come true."

Because of the obvious drawbacks, USD is taking steps to make this new requirement more bearable for students.

First, they have reserved the first three floors of the San Buenaventura apartments specifically for sophomores starting next year, which will offer a little more variety of apartment styles. Also, the Vistas are adding DIRECTV to their cable channels to offset the premium movie

channels that they are taking away. USD also prides itself on the affordability of its dining plan, lower than some of our peer schools by as much as 56%.

The most ideal solution would be to call off this change of policy altogether, although that is highly unrealistic. If they did, they could address the sophomore slump by creating new programs or events to bring sophomores together, or even revamp the Living Learning Communities to continue sophomore year and keep students involved if they choose to.

At a minimum, Residential Life could market their second year housing to specifically appeal to students that prefer the freshmen feel and encourage students that enjoy the on-campus community to live in the Vistas.

Because the university is unlikely to cancel the new requirement, there are small ways they could compromise. Isolated at the farthest side of campus, the Vistas have no dining options nearby besides the Torero Tu Go Truck, which is only there Thursday through Saturday after 9:30 pm. To offset the inconvenience of living that far away, revenue from the increase in residents could be used to create a 24-hour dining hall for the Vista community.

Furthermore, the university could bring back the shuttle service that used to take students from campus down to Mission Beach, a popular spot for students on the weekends. This way, the students that would otherwise prefer to be living on the beach can at least have a quick and free way to get there.

Lastly, and most obviously, the university could lower the cost of living in the on-campus apartments to a reasonable number that students would have been able to receive renting elsewhere.

With the large percentage of business they will be gaining back next year, a cut in price is the least they could do for the class of 2018, and the rest to follow.

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Love is in the air and there is no hiding it this time of year. With Feb. 14 just around the corner, the overly hyped holiday is stressing out couples and reminding the single people that, well, they're still single. The only difference between Christmas and Valentine's Day is that Santa traded in the reindeer for arrows and hit up Victoria's Secret.

For the last two weeks, I've listened to my friends either brag about their Valentine's Day plans or complain about how single they are. Not having a valentine is almost worse than getting coal for Christmas. It is nearly impossible to walk around Fashion Valley without catching a glimpse of a pink and red Victoria Secret bag. See's Candy has its Valentine tuxedo boxes front and center in the windows, and Target has turned its holiday section into a chocolate and card filled carnival.

Valentine's Day is meant for you and your significant other, but then who's going to love all those single kids?

As many know, Tinder is the hot new dating app and its users have skyrocketed the last few weeks. Coincidence? I think not. Valentine's Day brings on a lot of pressure to find love. As far as Tinder goes, I don't think that's the best way to go about finding your special someone.

I am left with little room to judge the app since I've never used it, but I do have some strong feelings against it. Sure there are tons of Tinder success stories, but why create a profile when all you want is a Valentine's date. Valentine's Day is supposed to celebrate love, not a hook-up. Will you really feel better about having a Valentine if it is someone you met on Tinder?

The horror stories about Tinder that I have heard from friends out-weigh the success stories. For all you know, you could be meeting the Left Shark from the Super bowl. That may be okay for a day that doesn't come with expectations, but not Valentine's Day.

Instead of reminding yourself that you're single, make plans with your friends. Better yet, throw a huge Anti-Valentine's Day party. There's no need to be cynical with your color scheme here either. Make it happy, and make it fun! Any type of food is appropriate, and as far as music goes, bring out Beyoncé's "Single Ladies" and turn up the Taylor Swift.

All you single kids out there dialing 1-800-I-Need-A-Valentine and swiping right looking for your special someone, just stop. Embrace the singleness and give your love to someone you know! Buy some chocolate for your best friend and definitely don't forget to eat some extra chocolate yourself.

## It's a match! Tinder tales and fails

Swiping right could get you a date this Valentine's Day

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Finding a date this Valentine's Day could be as easy as swiping right. Tinder, a mobile dating app, allows users within a set radius to find potential partners and connect with each other.

The app boasts nearly 50 million users and over a billion swipes every day, with men swiping right 46 percent of the time and women 14 percent of the time. All in all, that adds up to 12 million Tinder matches on a daily basis according to the New York Times.

Though some University of San Diego students see the app as superficial, many find it useful when it comes to connecting with new people. Students weighed in on the pros and cons of the app and offered tips on how to get more matches.

Jito Kok, a junior at USD, doesn't use Tinder himself but sees it as a useful way to save time finding out whether or not a new acquaintance is actually interested in pursuing the relationship.

"People are there specifically to meet other people," Kok said. "So you already have a shared goal with the people you meet on Tinder."

Tinder doesn't offer as many search preferences as traditional dating sites do, but it does allow you to narrow down the basics in what you're looking for. Instead of questionnaires to compare compatibility, Tinder allows you to control the gender, age, and distance of potential matches.

Stephen Ferraro, a senior at USD, sets his preferences to help him connect with older women that he wouldn't otherwise encounter in the college environment. He added that he uses Tinder

in hopes of finding true love.

"Every time I swipe right on Tinder, I truly believe that person could potentially be my soul mate," said Ferraro. "[Tinder] also functions as a great mechanism for meeting cougars, older women, who typically do not occupy the same ecological niche as strapping young college lads like myself."

The largest fear that USD students have about Tinder, is that people can present themselves online in a distorted angle, making themselves seem more attractive than they are in reality.

Lex Isham, a freshman at USD, doesn't like Tinder because he feels like all of the girls he has seen on the app are fake.

"I think it is a big lie because people can add their best picture and most of the time girls are liars on that app," Isham said.

Bradley Bond, a communication studies professor at USD, expanded on the

been shown to actually correlate with positive impressions of people we meet online," Bond said. This is because our brains function to fill in the communication gaps with the most ideal traits.

However, this can backfire when the imagined face-to-face interactions do not align with real face-to-face interactions.

"Because people do not have the luxury of control in face-to-face interactions that they have online, they may not live up to the standards for which they have set for themselves and disappoint possible romantic partners," Bond said.

Though there is always the potential for disappointment with online relationships, there is a chance that the interaction can go really well too. Some Tinder matches at USD have evolved from casual interactions into long-term relationships.

Katie Anschuetz, a

relationship with Anschuetz.

"I don't know if I would say love at first swipe, but she was definitely stuck in my head," Hemphill said. "Almost six months into officially dating, and I can honestly say I've never felt the way I do for Katie about anyone else. I'm in love with her, true love can happen on Tinder."

Many people are surprised to find out that the couple met on Tinder, they explained.

"We would joke about needing to make up a new story of how we met, because of the bad, hook-up reputation that the app has," Anschuetz said.

"But we've come to realize that it's an amazing story," Hemphill said. "When two people are perfect for each other it doesn't matter how they meet, it just matters that they do, and I honestly thank Tinder every day."

While some might be successful in finding love on Tinder, others may find something completely unexpected

Mitchell Morley, a senior at USD, matched with a girl named Jane late one Friday night and the two hit it off instantly. After talking for about an hour, they decided to meet up.

"She says she's lonely and wants some company, and it's about midnight," Morley said. "She messaged me asking, 'Will you come over for some tea?'"

The two met up, yet neither felt particularly flirtatious, so for hours they just sat and talked about their life from their childhood to their dreams. At the end of the night, Morley said goodnight and left, and they never spoke again.

"Tinder was a pretty silly way to meet a stranger, drink tea, and shoot the crap about life, but it happened," Morley said.

Swipe quickly enough before the clock strikes midnight and you just may find your Tinderella.

*"[Tinder] also functions as a great mechanism for meeting cougars, older women, who typically do not occupy the same ecological niche as strapping young college lads like myself."*

-Stephen Ferraro

practice of false representation of individuals online.

"The asynchronous nature of the internet provides users with the opportunity to strategically craft messages and carefully calculate self-presentation in a manner that would be impossible in face-to-face interactions," Bond said. "Factors like vocal intonation, facial expressions, and nonverbal communication are lost when communicating through text."

"The lack of cues has

senior at USD, met her boyfriend of nearly six months, Matt Hemphill, on the dating app. Anschuetz admitted that she had to swipe through some unfavorable candidates before finding her match though.

"There's definitely some jerks and some weirdos on there," Anschuetz said. "But seeing Matt and after talking to him for awhile, I could tell he was a very sweet and good guy."

Hemphill also commented on his Tinder sparked



Katie, 21

less than a mile away Active just now



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Moments

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Anschuetz and Hemphill's Tinder profiles. The couple met on Tinder and have been in a relationship for nearly six months.



# Neighborhood Spotlight: The Cat Café

*San Diegans can now enjoy a coffee and play with the cats at the Cat Café*

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Now San Diegans have the ability to play with cats, get a caffeine fix, and give back to the local economy, all at the same time. Cat lovers and coffee fanatics can rejoice because The Cat Café has finally opened in San Diego.

Jan. 6, the cafe opened to the San Diego Community and will be open daily from 7a.m. to 3p.m. The Cat Cafe is the fourth of its kind to open in the United States, after competing in a highly publicized race in to see which city would open the first cat cafe in America.

Located in the Marina district of downtown San Diego, The Cat Café stands out with award-winning coffee, cute cats and strong support for animals and local businesses – the perfect combination for a spontaneous San Diego excursion.

The Cat Café has a simple menu that features a variety of coffee blends, provided by Café Virtuoso and West Coast Coffee Roasters.

There are also several pastries, sodas, bottled waters and small packaged snacks you can snack on while playing with the cats. Understandably, the coffee is not the main focal point of The Cat Café, so the menu items are not extremely out of the ordinary.

However, having the ability to enjoy a latte while petting a cat offers a creative and unique experience for the average person.

Adding the coffee trend to the cat trend steps away from the adoption center environment, and creates a new atmosphere of relaxation and entertainment.

Unlike other cat cafes that require a fee to play with the cats, The Cat Café in San Diego makes its income through the beverages, snacks and shop merchandise.

Tony Wang, the general manager of the cafe explained their choice of using local suppliers.

“We chose to buy local rather than Costco, not only for the higher quality of coffee,” Wang said. “But also to support local businesses.”

In addition to the local economic support, Cafe Virtuoso and West Coast Coffee Roasters both serve fair trade blends, providing a global awareness aspect to The Cat Café.

Adjacent to the small coffee shop, there is a large playroom that features about six cats. All of the cats are rescues from the San Diego Humane Society and are available for adoption with a \$65 fee.

Don’t get any ideas campus residents, cats aren’t allowed in the dorms yet.

The playroom is occupied with multiple cat toys,

cat condos, catnip-objects, scratch stands and resting spots for cats. At the front of the playroom, there are biographies of the different cats that are available for playtime and adoption.

This gives the cats that are up for adoption a great chance to interact with other cats as well as their new potential families.

Separated from the playing area, there is an office for the manager and a discreet holding area for the cats. The cats are able to escape into their holding area if they do not want human attention.

In order to care for the mental health of the cats, there is a twenty-person limit in the cat room and a 15-minute limit of allotted playing time per group. In addition, there is a five-minute gap between each group, giving time to let the cats refresh and prepare for another set of crazed humans.

Don’t be alarmed or concerned if the cats appear shy at first; offer them love and they will hopefully warm up to you. Oftentimes, the cats may just stare at you disapprovingly from their discreet cat condo position and offer judgments on your actions with their blatant stare.

Cat cafes across the globe offer a refreshing approach to doing business. They successfully combine two otherwise completely unrelated trends, coffee and cats, into

one concept. Plus, The Cat Café adds the component of giving back to the community.

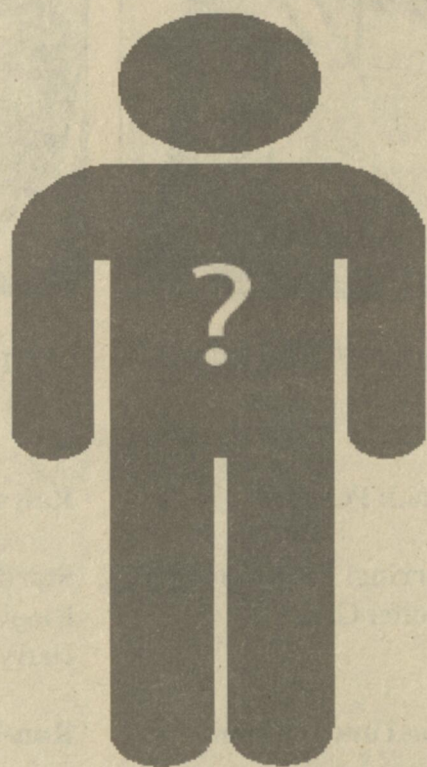
These three aspects create the ultimate bucket list item for those cat lovers who

are looking for what San Diego has to offer. If cats, coffee and community support are not enough to woo you, consider the infinite amount of cat puns you can finally use in captions on Instagram.



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## Mystery Professor Profile



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## Love Love



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Valentine's Day is a tricky holiday. I am not referring to the difficulty of finding a gift or picking a restaurant either. I mean that it literally tricks you. Why? The first reason is that it inherently frames your mind and can cage your creativity.

I know what you are thinking, and the answer is no, I am not a heartless cynic here to destroy everyone's views on Valentine's Day. I love Valentine's Day. I love love. I just struggle with what is conveyed through many of this holiday's traditions. This brings me back to the original point about placing your mind in a box with regards to the idea of love.

We are taught from a young age about certain concepts like secret admirers and associating candy with Valentine's Day. I mean what says love like a box of purple and pink Nerds? Or even the classic Sweethearts with those messages like "Kiss me" written in red? I feel like we should get rid of secret admirers all together. We should teach kids to be brave and freely communicate their love because the taboo on freely voicing our affections leaves people living in love limbo for months. Life is too short to live that way.

As for the candy, I'll admit it is pretty harmless. But it does begin to associate love with trivial gifts. When candy loses its luster, people move on to stuffed bears, roses, and heart-shaped balloons to show they care. These can all work really well as supplemental gifts, but they are too generic to function alone. There is no substitute for a thoughtful gesture or a gift that is the culmination of careful listening and attention paid to a loved one. There are a lot of different kinds of love out there, but the one thing that distinguishes your love with another person from all of the others is the time that you have spent together and all that has been shared. So if you're looking for a gift idea, just do something to show you've been present.

The other misinterpretation of Valentine's Day is that it is exclusive. There is an idea that it is reserved for love that already exists. Love is not exclusive and it does not have to always be romantic. In a world flooded with love notes and giant red hearts, we forget that we all have the potential to love and the potential to be loved. We just have to act. Because I have seen love and it does not always look like the bride and groom at the top of the wedding cake.

It looks like the man serving soup to the homeless. It looks like the student helping the blind man get to class. It looks like the person comforting a crying friend. There are a million ways to love and seven billion people that need it. Let's all love on this Valentine's Day.

## A night with Netflix: Valentine's Day picks

Looking to stay in and avoid the crowds of couples? Here is a list of some top choices for movies to stream through Netflix right to your television:



## Silver Linings Playbook (2012)

Rated: R

Starring: Bradley Cooper, Jennifer Lawrence, Robert De Niro

Run-Time: 122 min

Synopsis: Drama meets romance as they overcome obstacles of mental health.



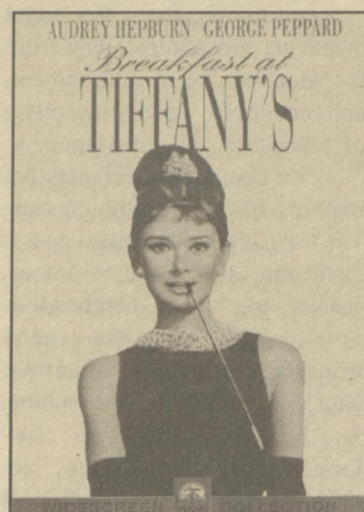
## Grease (1978)

Rated: PG-13

Starring: John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John

Run-Time: 110 min

Synopsis: Quirky musical about Sandy and Danny's summer lovin'.



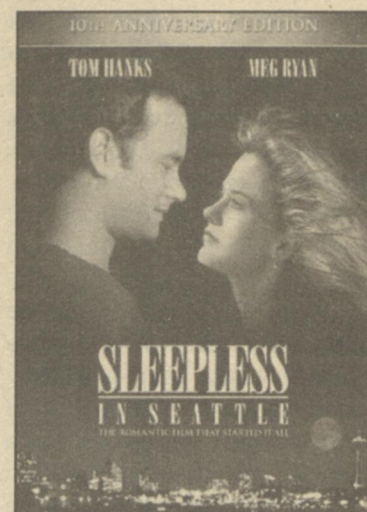
## Breakfast at Tiffany's (1961)

Rated: NR

Starring: Audrey Hepburn, George Peppard

Run-Time: 115 min

Synopsis: A cynical woman embraces love in fast-paced New York City.



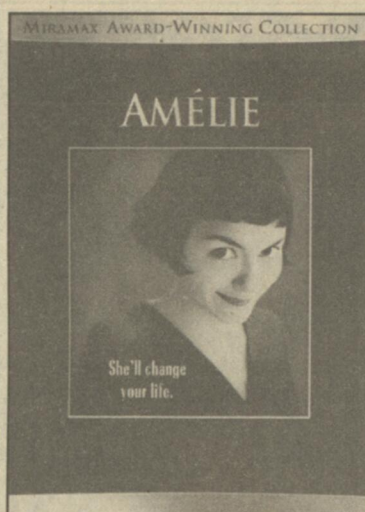
## Sleepless in Seattle (1993)

Rated: PG

Starring: Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan

Run-Time: 105 min

Synopsis: A widow finds love through a talk radio show.



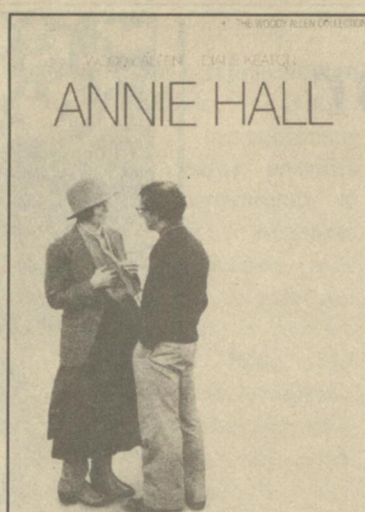
## Amélie (2001)

Rated: R

Starring: Audrey Tautou, Mathieu Kassovitz

Run-Time: 122 min

Synopsis: A shy, Parisian dreamer breaks out of her shell and embraces romance in the heart of the city.



## Annie Hall (1977)

Rated: PG

Starring: Woody Allen, Diane Keaton, Tony Roberts

Run-Time: 93 min

Synopsis: A comedian documents his love journey with a nightclub singer.



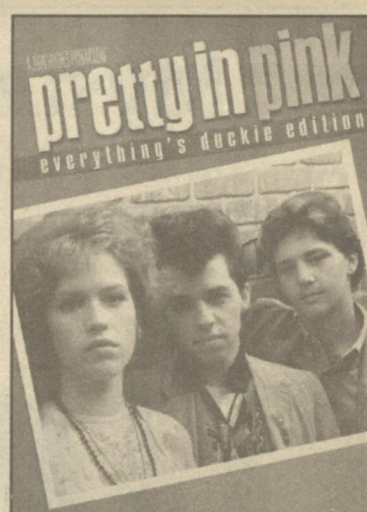
## Dirty Dancing (1987)

Rated: PG-13

Starring: Patrick Swayze, Jennifer Grey

Run-Time: 100 min

Synopsis: A young woman discovers passion in the dance moves of an employee at a family camp.



## Pretty in Pink (1986)

Rated: PG-13

Starring: Molly Ringwald, Jon Cryer, Harry Dean Stanton

Run-Time: 96 min

Synopsis: A teenager shows her ability to move beyond class lines in a teenage coming of age story.

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# Finding balance in La Jolla's newest hotspot

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Amidst the everyday stresses of college life, it is easy for students to forget how important it is to prioritize individual health and wellness. Even if they do, it is difficult to understand how to begin to improve their lifestyle and where to start. This is where Trilogy Sanctuary in La Jolla comes in. Making its home on the fourth-floor rooftop of a grocery store on Girard Avenue, it is impossible to see this haven of health and happiness from the street. It might seem that this would inhibit business and lead to smaller crowds, but that could not be further from the truth. In fact, as co-owner Leila Whitehead explains, people have responded to its secret allure and are flocking to the sanctuary.

"It's been amazing how quickly people have found out about us," Whitehead said. "Word of mouth is such a spectacular thing. And I think the fact that it is a little more hidden is actually good because it is even more reason to tell people about it."

While the desire for customers to return and bring their friends speaks to the unique and mesmerizing space, it is also a reflection of the core values of mind, body, and spirit that permeate the atmosphere and promote balance. This has always been the primary focus for Whitehead and fellow owner Joe Caldera, who first thought of the idea two years ago.

"We wanted to open something that we were very passionate about," Whitehead said. "We love food. I love yoga and just living a healthy lifestyle. Joe teaches meditation, life coaching, and getting in touch with oneself. These are the things in our lives that have helped us to lead a happier life."

Simply put, the incredible environment is shaped by a combination of all of their favorite things and it could not be located in a better spot. Southern California is home to many yoga studios and a variety of fresh eating options, but few places combine the two to promote healthy living. Whitehead knows

the difficulty of a business with multiple focuses and admits she did not know the direction it was originally headed.

"We didn't know how it was all going to work," Whitehead said. "And whether the cafe would take away from the yoga or the yoga would be too distracting, but it's really

cool to have everything here and the space is perfect for big events. It's very versatile having the food and also the deck."

The versatility and adaptability of the roof allows for students to customize their experience. There are outdoor and indoor yoga studios where students can explore a variety

of options such as aerial yoga and many others depending on intensity level. The outdoor seating and heating also allow for larger events such as the monthly Open Mic Nights, Full-Moon parties, and weekly live music on Saturday nights.

Trilogy Sanctuary complements its exercise classes and events with a cafe that serves organic, vegan, and gluten-free options made completely from scratch. Whitehead and lead chef Scott Steele have imagined a menu that features everything from smoothies and salads to appetizers, entrees and desserts. One highlight is the "two perfect tacos," which are housemade tortillas filled with quinoa chorizo, eggplant bacon, avocado, sweet potatoes and their special spicy almond love sauce. The freshness of the ingredients allows each dish to shine and stick out from other local eateries because it is the perfect blend of tasting good and feeling good.

At the end of the day, that is what this place is all about: feeling good. Whitehead explains that while the rooftop has amazing views and fresh scents, it is genuinely the feel and the vibe of the place that define it.

"Everyone instantly says the space is amazing," Whitehead said. "Like wow it's rooftop and blah blah blah, but the main thing that people always comment about is the vibe. It's got a very welcoming, homey, relaxing vibe. And that was the idea. We didn't want to make a place where people would just come and eat and go. We really wanted to encourage them to stay."

Students are encouraged to go and see this oasis for themselves. After one visit, there is no doubt that they will understand the attraction of one of La Jolla's hottest new businesses and experience the magic of Trilogy Sanctuary.



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**13-15**

**LUNAR NEW YEAR  
FESTIVAL**  
QUALCOMM STADIUM

**13**

**WEST SIDE STORY**  
SPRECKELS THEATRE  
8 P.M.

**14**

**LOGIC**  
THE NORTH PARK THEATRE  
8 P.M.

**17**

**QUALCOMM  
CHAIRMAN SPEAKER**  
OLIN HALL  
5:30 P.M.

**17**

**LAIDBACK LUKE**  
BASSMNT  
9 P.M.

**18**

**MEGHAN TRAINOR**  
HOUSE OF BLUES  
7 P.M.



## A New Era



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If you are any sort of San Diego Padres fan, I would expect a smile on your face for the next two months, anxiously awaiting the start of the 2015 season. For the past, well, decade, the Padres have been rather nonexistent in the MLB Playoff hunt and find themselves behind the San Francisco Giants and Los Angeles Dodgers in the National League West division.

All of this is about to change.

Over the offseason, the Padres acquired some of the top prospects in baseball and finally have a squad that can compete with the best of them. Their pitching staff was excellent last year and all the team needed was a few weapons on offense.

The Padres ranked 30th in the MLB in runs scored, batting average, on base percentage, and slugging percentage last season, but I do not think they will have similar numbers in 2015.

This hole in the team was filled when they brought in outfielders Matt Kemp, Will Myers and Justin Upton. They already had decent outfielders, but the addition of these three players should result in solid offensive production throughout the season.

I believe that having several good outfielders is an advantage because it allows players to get a night off to rest and the team will not have to worry about the replacement. Carlos Quentin, Will Venable and Cameron Maybin were on the roster last year, but must now compete for their playing time.

This is another factor that I believe will help the Padres in the long run. Competition creates a hard-working atmosphere at practice and games, which puts a little pressure on these players when they step on the field. I do not think that the previous outfielders had very much competition or had to worry about someone taking their spot, so the addition of a few top-notch players might spark a fire.

The San Diego community does not seem to be behind the Padres as much as they should be, so hopefully the new team will create a buzz around the city.

Last year when the San Francisco Giants came to Petco Park, it seemed like there were more Giants fans at the game than there were Padres fans. It was pretty embarrassing from a Padres perspective, but I hope that the players feel more support at the home games this year.

The executives continued their effort to rebuild the franchise by getting pitcher, James Shields, to join the Padres Organization. Shields pitched in the World Series last year for the Kansas City Royals and should be very productive in the Padres rotation.

With all the excitement, I will be attending a lot more Padres games this year. That is for sure.

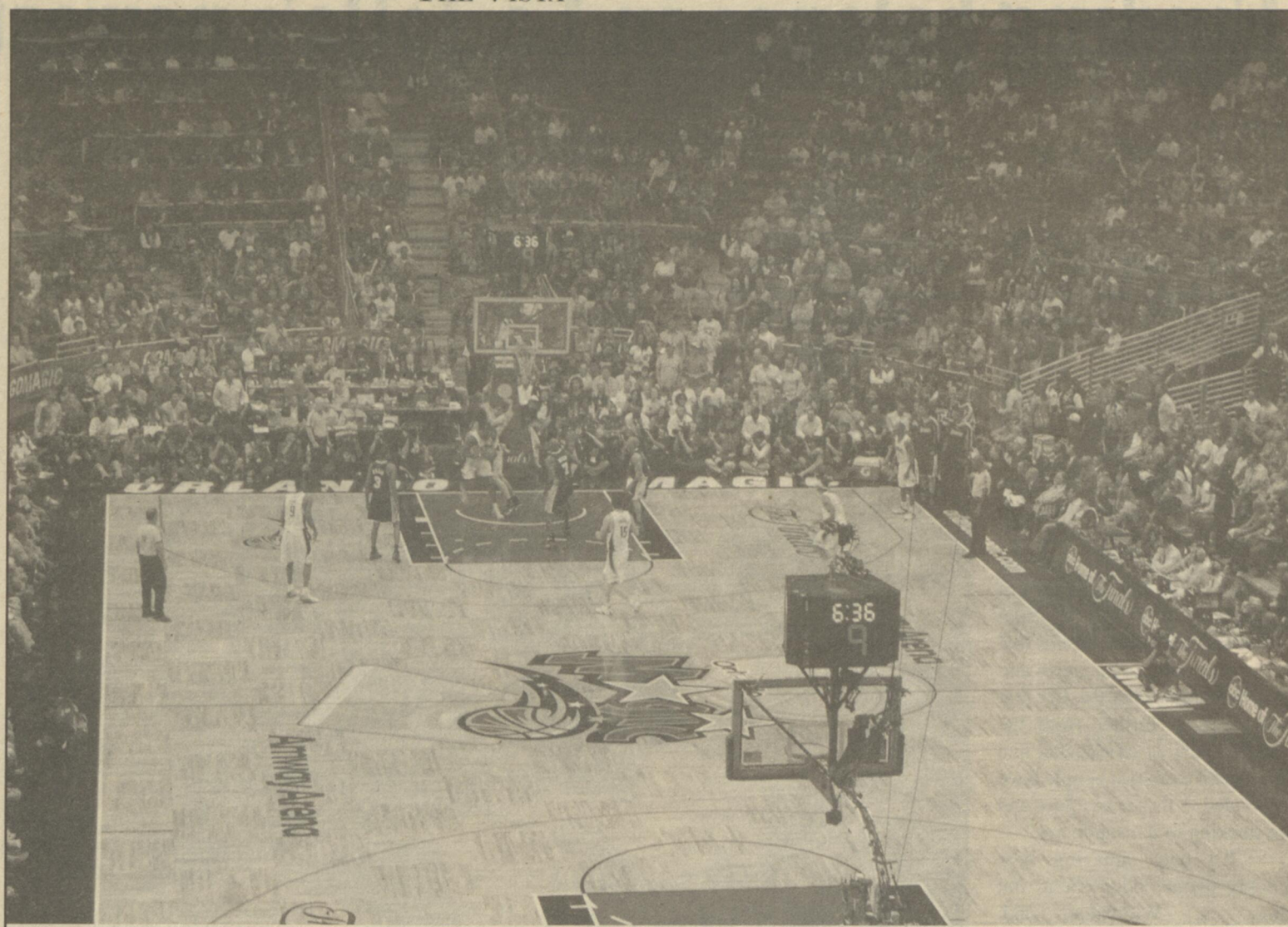


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The Orlando Magic have fallen on hard times recently, but the team has a roster featuring several talented young players.

## USD Alum now interim NBA coach

### Orlando Magic hire James Borrego

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The Orlando Magic have named former University of San Diego basketball player and assistant coach James Borrego as their interim head coach. Borrego, who played in 15 games for the Toreros from 1999-2001, takes over head coaching duties from the departing Jacque Vaughn.

Borrego's long, arduous coaching journey began at USD, where he was hired as an assistant coach following his playing days. He was part of a coaching staff which led the Toreros to a West Coast Conference championship and a trip to the NCAA Tournament in 2003.

The NBA came calling shortly after that, and Borrego was quickly hired by the dynastic San Antonio Spurs as an assistant video coordinator. While that job may seem insignificant, consider that current NBA head coaches Mike Budenholzer, Frank Vogel and Erik Spoelstra also started as video coordinators. Borrego helped win NBA championships in 2005 and 2007 as a video coordinator before eventually becoming an assistant coach under the legendary Gregg Popovich.

From there, Borrego went to the New Orleans Pelicans, where he served as an assistant coach for two years before landing the same job in Orlando in 2012. According to John Denton of NBA.com, Borrego has been regarded as the Magic's top assistant coach for the last two and a half years, and has been instrumental in the

development process of center Nikola Vucevic.

Vucevic, who has averaged over 15 points and 11 rebounds per game for the last two and a half seasons, had great things to tell NBA.com about Borrego.

"J.B. (James Borrego) is my guy and that's who I've worked with on a daily basis, watched the film with and talked about games with," Vucevic said. "He's a guy that I have a great relationship with."

Borrego got off to a great start in Orlando, winning his first game as head coach on Feb. 6 against the Los Angeles Lakers. Not only did the win secure Borrego's first victory in the NBA, it also snapped an ugly 10-game losing streak for the Magic. After the game, Borrego was quick to reflect on what it means to be an NBA head coach.

"I have a much deeper appreciation for what head coaches do," Borrego said. "It's exhausting, it really is."

The Magic will certainly be facing an uphill battle in the second half of the season, as they currently hold the third worst record in the Eastern Conference. Despite being caught in a depressing rough patch, the franchise has some reasons to be hopeful about the future. The Magic are the fourth youngest team in the NBA, and they play in the mediocre Eastern Conference, making the playoffs much more attainable than if they played in the West.

Orlando's roster features some talented young players who are still getting acclimated to the NBA's style of play. While

Vucevic has already matured into a legitimate low-post threat, his teammates may still need a few years to find the same sort of success at the professional level. Starting point guard Elfrid Payton is just a 20 year-old rookie, and his back court mate Victor Oladipo is only 22.

Other reasons for optimism include the fact that the team will receive a high draft pick this summer due to their poor record, and promising rookie Aaron Gordon should be fully healthy next season following his foot injury.

It is important to note that Borrego is just an interim coach, meaning the team has not fully committed to him for next season. Essentially, if the Magic finish the season strong and the front office likes what they see from Borrego, they can choose to bring him back.

Otherwise, the team will likely shop around after the season to look for their new long-term head coach. Rumors are circulating that former Chicago Bulls head coach Scott Skiles is interested in the job, and several reporters have indicated that he is the presumptive favorite to land the job.

It would be unfair to expect Borrego to completely turn the season around and lead Orlando to the playoffs, but if he can get the team to play inspired basketball down the stretch, he may stick around for the future. After all, Mike Budenholzer started as video coordinator for the Spurs, worked his way up to assistant coach just like Borrego did, and now he is head coach of

the first place Atlanta Hawks.

Whether Borrego remains head coach of the Magic for the next ten seasons or is relieved of his duties after the All-Star break, he is the fourth graduate of USD to hold an NBA head coaching position.

Borrego earned a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in leadership studies at USD, and he joins Bernie Bickerstaff, Eric Musselman and Mike Brown in the group of former Toreros to lead an NBA team.

Current men's basketball coach Bill Grier offered his thoughts on the hire, sharing his excitement for Borrego. "I'm sure James will do the best job possible with the situation," Grier said. "He has been a journeyman in the NBA and certainly deserves the opportunity."

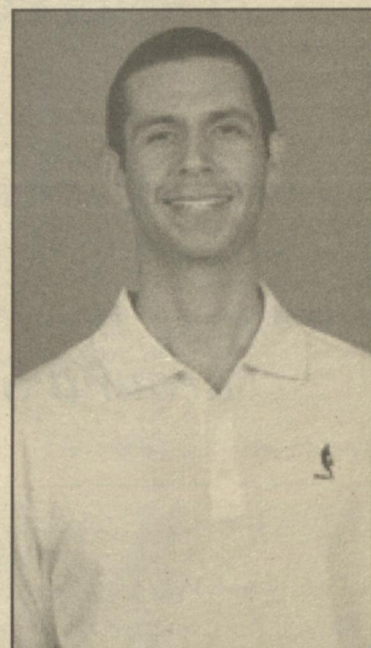


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James Borrego (Class of '01)



# NBA All Star Weekend in New York City

The best players in the world compete in three point shooting, dunk, and agility contests

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You've probably seen the commercials. They frequent ESPN on an almost-nightly basis, hyping up the next big match-up in the NBA as the head-bobbing melody of Flo Rida's new song, "GDFR," plays in the background. You can expect a few more of those commercials in the near future, and they couldn't be more accurate. It's about to go down. For real.

This coming weekend, the NBA's best will make their way to Madison Square Garden, the undisputed mecca of bright-lights basketball, in New York City for the league's annual All-Star Weekend. Fans can look forward to a full weekend of the NBA's brightest stars showing off their skills. Saturday will feature two popular pre-game contests which are sure to get fans excited for Sunday's big game.

First up: the 3-Point Contest, in which the league's most accurate sharpshooters try to make as many shots as they can from long range. While the silky smooth shooting of the Golden State Warriors' Splash Brothers, Klay Thompson and Steph Curry, make them early frontrunners, keep an eye out for former Duke

guard J.J. Redick, now of the Clippers, and the NBA's leader in 3-point shooting, Kyle Korver, to make some noise and give the Splash Brothers a run for their money.

The other headliner event on Saturday night will be the always-popular Dunk Contest, featuring the highest of flyers in the association. In the past, the event has featured players wearing Superman capes and jumping over both people and cars, and is sure to once again provide more than a few Sportscenter-worthy moments. Expect the Milwaukee Bucks' lanky Giannis Antetokounmpo and the Timberwolves' uber-athletic rookie Zach Lavine to go head-to-head for the title.

Finally, on Sunday, fans will get the main event: the 64th All-Star Game, as the stars of each conference square off for bragging rights. If you like defense, this may not be the game for you: last year's match-up finished with the East outlasting the West 163-155 behind an MVP performance from Cleveland's Kyrie Irving. However, the game promises to be very entertaining with players on both sides looking to both secure a victory and bring the fans to their feet as often as possible.

The Eastern Conference will be led by a starting five consisting of hometown star Carmelo Anthony, who has managed to continue his high level of performance in spite of the woefully-bad New York Knicks; Pao Gasol of Chicago; Kyle Lowry of Toronto; assists leader John Wall of the Wizards; and LeBron James, back in a Cavaliers uniform after a soap-opera-worthy saga with the Miami Heat. The East will also benefit from bringing Al Horford and Jeff Teague off the bench, both of whom have been key factors in the surprising run of the Atlanta Hawks to the top of the standings.

The West, meanwhile, will look to avenge last year's loss and get back to their winning ways with a line-up of leading vote-getter Steph Curry of the Warriors; Marc Gasol of Memphis; Kyle Korver of the Hawks making his first All-Star game after replacing Dwyane Wade; under-the-basket monster Anthony Davis of New Orleans; and first-time All-Star Demarcus Cousins of Sacramento, who will be replacing Kobe Bryant after the Lakers star suffered a shoulder injury that required season-ending surgery. Reserves for the West include Kevin Durant,

Chris Paul, and the top scorer in the league, James Harden, all of whom would likely be starters if not for the overwhelming talent from the rest of the conference.

With the amount of depth coach Steve Kerr will have at his disposal in leading the West, I would expect the Western All-Stars to come away with a

resounding victory. Without a doubt, though, the entire weekend will feature plenty of dunks, alley-oops, and I-can't-believe-he-just-did-that moments. The league's best players, facing off in the most legendary arena in the country? Yes please. Basketball fans can catch all the action on TNT this Saturday and Sunday.

Eastern Conference	Western Conference
Carmelo Anthony	Marc Gasol
LeBron James	Anthony Davis
Pau Gasol	Stephen Curry
John Wall	LaMarcus Aldridge
Kyle Lowry	DeMarcus Cousins
Chris Bosh	Tim Duncan
Jimmy Butler	Kevin Durant
Kyrie Irving	James Harden
Al Horford	Damian Lillard
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The Torero baseball team has high expectations after finishing 34-20 last season.



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Junior shortstop Kyle Holder turns a double play.



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The 2015 team will include 10 freshmen on the roster.

# Torero baseball ready for 2015 season

*Several players receive recognition as the nation's best*

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The University of San Diego baseball team is ranked No. 34 in the Collegiate Baseball Preseason poll and look to build on their success from last season. After finishing 34-20 in 2014, the Toreros had a very respectable record but unfortunately did not make the NCAA Regionals due to losses in the West Coast Conference Tournament. With several key contributors returning, expectations are high for 2015 and the Toreros hope to succeed in the WCC and earn a postseason berth. Head coach Rich Hill is excited about the team that he has and is ready for this upcoming season to get underway.

"Last year is in the past," Hill said. "We have a saying, 'The past is but a prelude and the best is yet to come,' so with that in mind, it is a completely different offense from last year. The pitching staff has been revamped. The defense has been revamped."

Despite losing now USD alumnae, outfielder Louie Lechich, infielder Andrew Daniel and catcher Connor Joe to professional baseball, the Toreros still have many players coming back who were recognized prior to the start of this season. Perfect Game Baseball recognized five Toreros as being in the Top 100 players in the nation in their respective classes.

For the freshmen class, catcher Riley Adams, infielder Bryson Brigman and pitcher Jonathan Teaney all made the Top 100 list. All three players came to USD from areas inside

Calif. and were highly touted recruits from some of the other top programs in the country such as Vanderbilt University and Stanford University.

Junior shortstop Kyle Holder and transfer pitcher David Hill both made the Top 100 list for their class. Holder started 52 games last year at

filled with some of the toughest competition in the nation from a variety of conferences. The Toreros' first big test will be against their cross-town rival, San Diego State Aztecs from the Mountain West Conference. Their toughest road games include competitors include at the University of Texas Longhorns,

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- Rich Hill

shortstop for the Toreros and had a strong year both offensively and defensively. In the field, Holder only made four errors in 163 attempts, which put him among the best shortstops in the nation from a defensive perspective. He finished the season with a .298 batting average, three home runs and 29 runs batted in.

Hill is a transfer from Orange Coast College and has attained very impressive statistics during his sophomore season. He went 11-1 on the mound last year while maintaining a 1.67 earned run average and striking out 109 batters.

Coach Hill knows that there is a lot of young talent on the roster, and by getting the No.4 recruiting class for 2015, the future could be very bright.

"We recruited these kids because we believe in them," Hill said. "When you get a uniform at USD, the only expectation we have is that they are going to perform like madmen, especially playing against the highest competition."

The 2015 schedule is

Mississippi State Bulldogs, and Stanford Cardinal. Fowler Park will also host several of the top programs in the nation. The UC Irvine Anteaters and Cal State Fullerton Titans will both travel to USD to face off against the Toreros.

Aside from all of the non-conference challenges, the WCC also poses serious contenders. The Pepperdine University Waves and Loyola Marymount University Lions both received votes in the Feb 40 list.

When asked about this year's schedule, Hill was confident in their game plan and that there is a reason to schedule such strong opponents.

"The only way to host a regional or super regional is to have an RPI under 20," Hill said. "I'm excited about the chemistry of the team and the sense of urgency and accountability that they all have towards each other."

The Toreros open up their 2015 campaign at Fowler Park on Feb. 13 against the Morehead State University Eagles. The first pitch is scheduled for 6 p.m.

## Schedule

2/8/15	vs. Alumni Game	1:00 p.m. PT
02/13/15	vs. Morehead State	6:00 p.m. PT
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02/15/15	vs. Morehead State	1:00 p.m. PT
02/20/15	vs. Dallas Baptist	6:00 p.m. PT
02/21/15	vs. Dallas Baptist	2:00 p.m. PT
02/22/15	vs. Dallas Baptist	11:00 a.m. PT
02/24/15	at San Diego State	6:00 p.m. PT
02/27/15	at Texas	5:30 p.m. PT
02/28/15	at Texas	4:30 p.m. PT
03/01/15	at Texas	11:00 a.m. PT
03/03/15	vs. UC Riverside	6:00 p.m. PT
03/06/15	at Mississippi State	4:30 p.m. PT
03/07/15	at Mississippi State	12:00 p.m. PT
03/08/15	at Mississippi State	11:30 a.m. PT
03/10/15	vs. Cal State Fullerton	6:00 p.m. PT
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